

IN THE CLAIMS

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please **AMEND** the claims in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A point-service system that can be accessed by a customer using a terminal device via a network, the system comprising:
 - a point database recording a number of points accumulated for a customer, the points being issued by one or more point-usable facilities;
 - a use management database recording identifying information of the customer, a requested number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points, a recognition code issued for the requested number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points, and information indicating whether the requested number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points is used;
 - means for receiving the requested number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points and for issuing a~~the~~ recognition code for a~~the~~ requested number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points, in response to a ~~use~~-request ~~off~~from the customer to use the requested number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points from the customer;
 - means for recording the issued recognition code along with the requested number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points in the use management database; and
 - means for transmitting data of a point use ticket, comprising the requested number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points ~~that are issued~~ and the recognition code issued for the requested number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points, to the customer terminal device for use of the point use ticket by the customer.

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The point-service system according to claim 1, further comprising:

means for referring to the use management database to provide information to the one or more point-usable facilities regarding whether the number of reserved points is usable in accordance with a reference request along with the number of reserved points and the recognition code from the one or more point-usable facilities; and

means for recording that the number of reserved points of the reference request is used in a corresponding field of information indicating whether the number of reserved points is used, provided in the use management database, when the number of reserved points is set to be usable.

3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The point-service system according to claim 1, further comprising:

means for subtracting the number of reserved points, for which the recognition code is issued, from the accumulated number of points, and recording the remaining number of points as a new accumulated number of points in the point database;

means for referring to the use management database in accordance with a cancel request with the recognition code from the customer to invalidate the recognition code when the information indicating whether the number of reserved points is used, which corresponds to the recognition code, indicates unused; and

means for adding the number of points for the invalidated recognition code to the accumulated number of points for the customer to record the added number of points as a new accumulated number of points in the point database.

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The point-service system according to claim 3, wherein

the point database comprises a customer point database provided for the customer,

the number of points for each point-usable facility that issued the points and the identifying information of each point-usable facility are recorded in the customer point database, and

the operations of subtracting the number of reserved points for which the recognition code is issued and of adding the number of points for the invalidated recognition code are executed for the number of points that is recorded in the customer point database.

5. (ORIGINAL) The point-service system according to claim 1, further comprising means for transmitting a use request display for the customer to view the accumulated number of points and to input the number of reserved points to the terminal device of the customer.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A recording medium storing a program for a point-service system that can be accessed by a customer using a terminal device via a network, the program enabling a computer to execute a process comprising:

entering, by the customer, a number of reserved points from among accumulated number of points for the customer, on a display of the terminal device;

issuing a recognition code for the entered number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points, in response to a use-request from the customer to use for the entered number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points entered by the customer;

recording the issued recognition code with the entered number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points;

subtracting the entered number of reserved points from ~~an~~the accumulated number of points for the customer, and recording ~~the~~a remaining number of points as a new accumulated number of points;

transmitting data of a point use ticket, comprising the entered number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points ~~that are issued~~ and the recognition code issued for the entered number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points, to the terminal device; and

displaying the point use ticket on the display of the terminal device to allow the customer to print the point use ticket for use by the customer.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A point-service system that can be accessed by a customer using a terminal device via a network, the system comprising:

a point database recording a number of points accumulated for a customer, the points being issued by one or more point-usable facilities;

a use management database recording identifying information of the customer, a requested number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points, a recognition code issued for the requested number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points, and information indicating whether the requested number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points is used;

a recognition code issuing unit receiving the requested number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points to issue the~~issuing a~~ recognition code for a the number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points, in response to a ~~use-request~~ from the customer to use the number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points~~from the customer~~;

a recording unit recording the issued recognition code along with the requested number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points in the use management database; and

a transmitting unit transmitting data of a point use ticket, comprising the requested number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points ~~that are issued and~~ the recognition code issued for the requested number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points, to the customer terminal device for use of the point use ticket by the customer.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of issuing points in a point-service system that can be accessed by a customer using a terminal device via a network, the method comprising:

entering, by the customer, a number of reserved points from among accumulated number of points for the customer, on a display of the terminal device;

issuing a recognition code for the entered number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points, in response to a ~~use-request~~ from the customer to use~~for the~~ entered number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points~~entered by the customer~~;

recording the issued recognition code with the entered number of reserved points from

among the accumulated number of points;

subtracting the entered number of reserved points from ~~an~~the accumulated number of points for the customer, and recording ~~the~~a remaining number of points as a new accumulated number of points;

transmitting data of a point use ticket, comprising the entered number of reserved points ~~from among the accumulated number of points~~that are issued and the recognition code issued for the entered number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points, to the terminal device; and

displaying the point use ticket on the display of the terminal device to allow the customer to print the point use ticket for use by the customer.